

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
November 6, 2008
150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540-A**

Members Present:

*Bill Ashland
*Peter Rhee
*Michelle Ziemba
Linda Worthy
Martyn Fink
*Leonard Kirschner
Philip Johnson
Mark Venuti
*Dave Ridings

Charles Allen
Nathan Avery
Laurie Wood
David Notrica
Georgia Butler
*Debbie Johnston
Jeff Farkas
Anthony Rhorer
Stewart Hamilton

Members Absent:

Bentley Bobrow (Chairman)
Scott Petersen (Vice-Chair)
Terry Welker
Roy Ryals
Michael Pfleger
Kelly Silberschlag

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mark Venuti called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 10:20 a.m. A quorum was present. Leonard Kirschner, Debbie Johnston, Michelle Ziemba, Bill Ashland, Peter Rhee, and Dave Ridings participated by conference call.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON September 17, 2008 MINUTES

A motion was made by Anthony Rhorer and seconded by Linda Worthy to approve the minutes of September 18, 2008 as presented. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORTS

A. Mark Venuti chaired the meeting

1. Membership Update – Mark introduced and welcomed Nathan Avery to STAB. Dr. Avery was appointed as the Representative from a Statewide Neurosurgical Society.

- Terry Welker, Representative from a Tribal Health Organization was unable to attend this meeting.

B. Bureau Chief – Terry Mullins

- We were asked by the Governor's Office to contribute an update on the status of and enhancements to the state trauma system for possible inclusion in the State of the State Address in January.

C. Trauma System Section Chief – Vicki Conditt

1. Road Show – Update

- We have conducted road shows for Yavapai Regional Medical Center in Prescott and Wickenburg Community Hospital for Level IV designation. They seem very interested and we are hopeful that they move forward with designation.

2. Trauma Center Designation – Update

- A Level IV site review was conducted yesterday (November 5, 2008) at Banner Page Hospital in Page, Arizona.
- We also have two site reviews pending for Cobre Valley Hospital in Globe and Northern Cochise Community Hospital in Willcox.

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- We also just received an application for designation as a Level IV for Little Colorado Medical Center in Winslow.

D. Data and Quality Assurance Section – Joel Bunis

1. Update/Discussion

- We have been streamlining the processes for requesting and receiving data.
- If you go to our website under the Trauma Section/Data and Quality Assurance you will find the forms necessary to request data.
- The Data and Quality Assurance Section is comprised of Vatsal Chikani, David Harden, Anita Ray Ng, Krista Anheluk, and Joel Bunis.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Report from AZTQ Meeting

1. Update on State Trauma Registry

- AZTQ made recommendations to the reports presented to help make the data more meaningful (see AZTQ Minutes 11/06/08). Terry Mullins thanked everyone for their input.

2. Updated ASTR Data Submission Tracking Spreadsheet

- Presented a report showing the data submission of Designated Level I Trauma Centers, Designated Level IV Trauma Centers and 5 Non-Designated Trauma Centers.

B. Regionalization of Trauma Care – Subcommittee Meeting Report

- We have scheduled the next meeting for Friday, December 5, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 540A.
- Some of the discussion at the October 20, 2008 meeting included:
 - We need additional trauma centers - we are working on this.
 - We need cogent triage, transport and treatment protocols for trauma.
 - We need to look at over and under triage rates.
 - We need to look at how air ambulances are being utilized.
 - We need to continue to look at our trauma data.

C. ASTR Data Reports

1. Performance Measures Report

a. ATV's

- Members were provided with a table identifying ATV data.
- Anita stated that she will ask TRUG for clarification regarding different types of other off-road vehicles.

Item: ATV's – Clarification
Follow Up: TRUG Meeting
When: November 19, 2008
Who: Anita Ray Ng

b. Discharge Disposition and ISS by LOS among patients with ONE transfer

- Members were provided with this table at the meeting.
- We are working with TRUG to get more complete data.
- The goal is to get the LOS at the transferring facility to become less.
- There could be various reasons why someone had a moderate ISS and

was in a referring hospital 9 to 10 hours before being transferred and then deceased. It could be anything from organ donation to unavailability of beds.

- Joel Bunis asked the Board if there was anything else they would like to see in the data.
- It was recommended that the data stratify by age group.
- If the data is generic it is available to everyone.

Item: Discharge Disposition and ISS by LOS among patients with one transfer
Follow Up: E-mail to STAB members
When: Before the Next Meeting – January 22, 2009
Who: Joel Bunis

- A motion was made by Philip Johnson and seconded by Linda Worthy that the State Trauma Advisory Board enter into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. to review confidential trauma registry data as authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2).
Motion Carried. Guests were asked to leave the room.
- The State Trauma Advisory Board went back into regular session at 11:25 a.m.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mark Venuti asked the Board for a moment of silence in memory for Bruce Harrolle, DPS Officer/Paramedic who died Monday, October 13, 2008 while rescuing two hikers near Sedona. Martyn Fink thanked everyone for their support during this time.

VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

No information was provided.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular STAB Meeting will be held on January 22, 2009.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board

Date: January 22, 2009